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The American Numismatic and Archaeological Society of New York.

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CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS.

THE Society desiring to collect and preserve materials in order to enable the Historiographer to prepare and read before it, upon the demise of any member, a memorial of his life, these queries are forwarded to you with the earnest request that they may be answered *in extenso*, and returned without delay.

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QUESTIONS.

C.E.

1. What is your full name? Answer.

Robert A. Harris.

2. What were the names of your parents? A.

William C. Harris
+
Mary Johnson Harris

3. What were the names of your grandparents? A.

Abel Harris } (William Johnson
+
Roxbury Coffin } Mary Peabody

4. When and where were you born? A.

July 29th 1830.
Portsmouth, N.H.

5. If you are married, give the maiden name of your wife, and her residence, the names of her parents, the date of your marriage, and the place where you were married? A.

Mary Eliza Duncan of
Hampshire, daughter of James Henry + Mary
Mass. m. Eliza Duncan - Dec 1st 1857 at Hampshire
Mass.

6. If you have had any children, give their names in the order of their birth. A.

None.

7. If any member of your family is deceased, give the name and date of death. A.

None.

8. State where you were brought up and educated. A.

Portsmouth - New Hampshire

9. If you were graduated by any college, give the name and class. A.

None.

10. State what degrees, if any, have been conferred, and by whom. A.

None.

11. State your occupation; and if you are a member of any of the learned professions. A.

Civil Engineer. Since 1848 have been engaged in the construction & management of Railroads.

12. If you have held any public office, either Municipal, State or Federal, state what, when, and for how long. A.

None.

13. If you have been connected with any corporations, or other societies, state in what manner. A.

With Railroad corporations continuously from 1852 to the present time except a period in the Union Army from 1861 to 1863.

14. If you have written any book, pamphlet or article which has been printed, state when and where published, and give titles in full, and please furnish copies to the Library of the Society. A.

Have written short articles, on the Railroad problem.

15. If any biographical sketch of you or history of your family has been printed, please refer to it? *A. None.*

16. Give in detail any incidents which have gone to make up the history of your life; acquaintance with distinguished men, etc.; in fact, everything that should be presented in a memorial of your life. *A. When a lad of 15 years I went to sea as clerk to my kinsman, Capt. Thomas N. Freeman, in the U. S. Ship Columbus, bearing the broad pennant of Commodore James Biddle, making a trip around the world.*

17. If any of your ancestors or descendants have held important positions of honor or trust, please give details. *A. My father, a graduate of Harvard College, taught in Portsmouth, N. H. about 35 years, and died at the age of 75.*

18. If you can give the name of the first ancestor of the family in this country, please do so. *A. Robert Harris.*

NOTE.—Please also send to the Society, for its Album, a photographic likeness of yourself, with your autograph beneath it, if you have not already done so; and donations of anything you may have written will be particularly acceptable, as well as contributions germane to its Library and Cabinets.

HISTORIOGRAPHER,

American Numismatic and Archaeological Society,

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18. Robert Harris was a Bristol
born in London England
Nov 5th 1736. Left an orphan
when a child.
His property was lost by
the mismanagement or
misconduct of his guardian.
He was but a youth of 15 yrs
when he came to this country
in 1751 & entered as a clerk in the
house of Brimmer & Co Boston.
Later he went to Concord
N. H. & went into business for
himself & in Nov 1760 married
Mehitable Rogers. The family
resided at Concord, New Hampshire
when my Grandfather was
born March 11th 1763.

David Harris